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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN PRESS ARTICLE ON ARMS TRADE IN SOUTH
THAILAND

1. FYI: FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE ON CLANDESTINE
ARMS TRADE IN SOUTH THAILAND WHICH APPEARED IN PENANG
CHINESE-LANGUAGE DAILY "KWONG WAH YIT POH" ON APRIL 14:

BEGIN TEXT: FROM OUR REPORTER IN HAADYAI, SOUTH
THAILAND.

SHARP WEAPONS USED IN THE BATTLEFIELD - M-17 MACHINE
GUNS (SIC) - ARE PLENTIFUL IN THE SONGKHLA PROVINCE IN SOUTH
THAILAND. A SOLDIER IS SUSPECTED OF ENGAGING IN THE
ILLEGAL PURCHASE AND SALE OF FIREARMS, MAINLY IN SELLING
THEM TO BANDIT ORGANIZATIONS AT 20,000 BAHTS EACH.

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THIS MONTH, COLONEL NAI PUYAD THE CHIEF POLICE

OFFICER OF SONGKHLA RECOVERED A M-16 MACHINE GUN IN A TAXI ON THE CAR FERRY, AND ON THE SPOT ARRESTED ITS OWNER 2ND LT. NAI SAROK OF THE 5 MIXED INFANTRY BATTALION.

THIS SOLDIER ADMITTED THAT HE HAD PURCHASED THE GUN FROM A VILLAGER CALLED LOLOK FOR 7,000 BAHT, TO SELL TO THE THAI COMMUNISTS OR THE IRREDENTISTS FOR AS HIGH A PRICE AS 20,000 BAHT.

LATER THE POLICE OFFICERS WENT TO A CERTAIN VILLAGE AND ARRESTED LOLOK, AND RECOVERED 2 OTHER M-16 MACHINE GUNS. LOLOK SAID THAT HE HAD PURCHASED THE GUNS FROM A MILITARY CAMP IN NOKHON SRI THAMARAT OGPROVINCDKA LONG TIME AGO AT 7,000 BAHT EACH. BY SELLING THE GUNS AT 20,000 BAHT EACH HE WAS MAKING QUITE A GOOD PROFIT. END TEXT.

(NOTE: ACCORDING TO TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE SECTION OF PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, NAMES OF PERSONS AND PLACES IN FOREGOING ARTICLE ARE PHONETIC APPROXIMATIONS.)

2. COMMENT: AS RESULT OF ASSASSINATION OF ROYAL MALAYSIA POLICE INSPECTOR-GENERAL ABDUL RAHMAN IN JUNE 1974 AND RECENT UPSURGE IN COMMUNIST TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN BORDER AREA (K.L. 2003), GOM AND PRESS ATTENTION HAS INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON CROSS-BORDER TRADE IN ARMS AS WELL AS SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS AND OTHER COMMODITIES. PENANG PAPERS IN PARTICULAR ARE MORE KEENLY ATTUNED THAN MOST TO DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN THAILAND. UNDERHILL

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